

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated May 25, 2004, within the three month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claims 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0159074 to Murphy et al. The Examiner did indicate, however, that claims 1-12, and 15-30 were directed to patentable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections to the extent that they are maintained. Nonetheless, Applicants have now canceled claims 13-14, making the Examiner's rejections to these claims moot. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 15 to independent form. Furthermore, claim 16 has been amended merely to eliminate the parenthetical references in the claim, for consistency with the amendments to claim 15.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter these amendments on the record pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a), as the amendments do not raise any new issues, and merely incorporate subject matter previously found to be allowable over the prior art of record. Furthermore, based upon the acknowledged patentability of the subject matter of claims 1-12 and 15-30 by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits

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